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10. Information reported by the Chair of the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (SPLOS/259).
11. Consideration of budgetary matters of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea:
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    (b) Report on budgetary matters for the financial periods 2011-2012 and 2013-2014 (SPLOS/258);
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12. Report of the Credentials Committee.

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13. Report of the Secretary-General under article 319 for the information of States parties on issues of a general nature, relevant to States parties, which have arisen with respect to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (A/67/79/Add.1 and Add.2, A/68/71).

14. Other matters.

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Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Kimberly **Louis** (Saint Lucia)

1. On 10 June 2013, the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea appointed, on the proposal of the President, a Credentials Committee consisting of the following nine States parties: Argentina, Côte d'Ivoire, Greece, Indonesia, Lithuania, Malta, Myanmar, Saint Lucia and Tunisia.

2. The Credentials Committee met on 12 June 2013 and elected Ms. Kimberly Louis (Saint Lucia) as Chairperson by acclamation.

3. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 12 June 2013, on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by a person authorized by either of them had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 99 States participating in the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties: Albania; Algeria; Angola; Armenia; Australia; Austria; Bahrain; Bangladesh; Barbados; Belgium; Benin; Botswana; Brazil; Brunei Darussalam; Bulgaria; Burkina Faso; Cameroon; Canada; Chile; China; Costa Rica; Côte d'Ivoire; Cuba; Cyprus; Czech Republic; Denmark; Djibouti; Egypt; Estonia; Fiji; Finland; France; Gabon; Germany; Ghana; Greece; Grenada; Guatemala; Guinea; Honduras; Hungary; Iceland; India; Indonesia; Iraq; Ireland; Italy; Jamaica; Kenya; Kuwait; Latvia; Lebanon; Lithuania; Luxembourg; Madagascar; Malaysia; Malta; Mauritania; Mauritius; Mexico; Micronesia (Federated States of); Monaco; Morocco; Myanmar; Namibia; Nauru; Netherlands; New Zealand; Nicaragua; Norway; Oman; Panama; Paraguay; Philippines; Portugal; Republic of Korea; Russian Federation; Saint Lucia; Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Serbia; Singapore; Slovakia; Slovenia; South Africa; Spain; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Suriname;

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Sweden; Thailand; Timor-Leste; Tonga; Trinidad and Tobago; Tunisia; Ukraine; United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United Republic of Tanzania; Viet Nam; and Zimbabwe.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 34 States participating in the twenty-third Meeting: Antigua and Barbuda; Argentina; Bahamas; Bolivia (Plurinational State of); Bosnia and Herzegovina; Cape Verde; Comoros; Dominican Republic; Ecuador; Haiti; Japan; Jordan; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Lesotho; Maldives; Mali; Mozambique; Nigeria; Pakistan; Palau; Poland; Qatar; Romania; Samoa; Saudi Arabia; Senegal; Sierra Leone; Solomon Islands; Somalia; the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; Togo; Uganda; Uruguay; and Zambia. In addition, information concerning the appointment of the representatives of the European Union has been communicated.

6. The Chairperson proposed that the Committee should accept the credentials of all the representatives mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretariat on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairperson for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in the memorandum of the Secretariat dated 12 June 2013,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned.

7. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chairperson proposed that the Committee should recommend to the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties the adoption of a draft resolution (see para. 10 below). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the twenty-third Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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The Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.